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SUBJECT: SEC VISIT, LA: BRASILIA TALKS; SOLUBLE COFFEE

1. FOLLOWING INTENDED BRING SECRETARY AND PARTY UP TO DATE
ON PROBLEM OF SOLUBLE COFFEE AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL PRIOR
TO MEETINGS THERE.

2. ON MAY 11 EMBASSY BRASILIA RECEIVED NOTE FROM FOREIGN
MINISTER AGREEING TO PROVIDE TAX- FREE GREEN COFFEE TO U. S.
COFFEE PROCESSORS FOR ONLY FIRST QUARTER OF CURRENT
SOLUBLE AGREEMENT YEAR (THROUGH JAN. 14). NOTE REITERATES
THAT GOB CONSIDERS ITS OBLIGATIONS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
TAX- FREE COFFEE UNDER SOLUBLE AGREEMENT CEASED WHEN
INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL FAILED FIX COFFEE EXPORT
QUOTAS FOR 1972/73 COFFEE YEAR, AND SERVES NOTICE OF
FORMAL DENUNCIATION OF AGREEMENT.

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3. AMBASSADOR ROUNTREE REPLIED BY NOTE ON MAY 17 NOTING GOB AGREEMENT TO MAKE AVAILABLE FIRST QUARTER TAX- FREE COFFEE. AT SAME TIME NOTE STATES THAT U. S. HAS NO OBLIGATION ACCEPT UNILATERAL TERMINATION OF SOLUBLE AGREEMENT BY GOB.

4. BOTH THE GOB NOTE AND OUR RESPONSE EXPRESS A DESIRE FOR CONTINUING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE MARKET AND FOR RENEGOTIATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT SERVING THE INTERESTS OF BOTH CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS.

5. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE BROUGHT UP BY THE BRAZILIANS DURING THE TALKS IN BRAZIL, NOR DOES IT SEEM USEFUL FOR THE SECRETARY TO RAISE IT. IF, NEVERTHE- LESS, THE MATTER SHOULD COME UP, WE SUGGEST THAT THE U. S. RESPONSE BE A SHORT STATEMENT OF REGRET THAT THE GOB HAS CHOSEN TO DENOUNCE THE AGREEMENT. RUSH

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